



Youth Arts: **Unlocked**

**Annual Report
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OUR MISSION:

Youth Arts: Unlocked's (YAU) mission is twofold: to bring visual and performing arts to detained and justice-involved youth in Genesee County and to bring their work to the public. YAU introduces artistic concepts and techniques as a means of connecting, expressing, learning, and discovery. YAU advances its mission by conducting weekly multi-disciplinary arts and yoga workshops for youth in detention and on probation and by exhibiting the youths' work both in community exhibits and online.



ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY:

Youth Arts: Unlocked started in the fall of 2011 as a project of the Buckham Fine Arts Project. Partnering with the Genesee Valley Regional Center (GVRC), Genesee County's short-term youth detention facility, the Buckham/GVRC Share Art Project began with a 12-week pilot project offering weekly visual arts and spoken word poetry workshops at GVRC. The pilot project concluded with an exhibit at Buckham Gallery and a published volume of the youth's poetry and artwork. The pilot project's success led Buckham to expand the Share Art Project.

Over the years, the Project received funding allowing it to operate year-round, to create a separate gender-based program for girls and LGB/GNC youth, and to add performing arts workshops (theatre and dance) and yoga. In 2017, the Project added workshops for youth on probation attending a local alternative high school. Exhibits at Buckham and throughout the community serve to challenge the community's perceptions of incarcerated youth as well as to illustrate the power of the arts to transform individuals and to effectuate social change.

In June of 2018, the growth in programming along with a need for a more diversified board, increased fundraising capacity and improved fiscal oversight led



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the Share Art Project to incorporate as Youth Arts: Unlocked, an independent Not-for-Profit corporation. In October of 2018, YAU was recognized as a 501(c)(3) corporation and is currently governed by an 8-member board of directors.

In 2018-2019, YAU began the process of building strong and sustainable organizational and financial structures. During this time, YAU has:

- elected a diverse group of eight community members who are committed to the mission of the organization to serve on our board
- written and adopted by-laws
- passed a budget for the fiscal year
- elected a group of experienced community leaders as officers
- formed several working committees addressing programmatic and fiscal issues
- formed the Young Peoples Council (an advisory group)
- created and begun implementing a fundraising plan

PROGRAMS:

During 2018-2019, YAU conducted 157 workshops at GVRC and 33 workshops for youth on probation at GearUp Academy. Over this period, 327 youth received services from YAU.



Workshops were conducted in the following disciplines: visual art, dance, theatre, and spoken word poetry.

In March of 2019, *The Art of Yoga* workshops were introduced at GVRC.

All of YAU's programs are trauma informed and gender-responsive.

YAU exhibits were mounted in the following locations: ELGA Credit Union, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Good Beans Café, Flint Crêpe Company, University of MI-Ann Arbor, Greater Flint Arts Council, Project RECAST and the Genesee County Administration Building.



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Presentations were conducted at the “In Solidarity We Rise” National Conference sponsored by National Crittenton Foundation in Atlanta, GA, the Genesee County Bar Association, the Genesee Valley Rotary Club and the University of MI-Flint. Staff also attended the “Reframing the Landscape of Justice” Arts in Corrections National Conference in Santa Clara, CA.

GRANTS and FUNDRAISING:

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, YAU received grants from the following organizations:

- the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs
- the Michigan Humanities
- the Community Foundation of Greater Flint
- the Community Foundation of Greater Flint - Women & Girls Fund
- the Hagerman Foundation
- Project RECAST Flint
- the Puffin Foundation

Grants to YAU staff were received from the Flint Truth and Action Partnership Project (made possible by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation) and the Jubilation Foundation.

Funding for research assistants was made possible by the University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP).

Two \$10,000 contracts for programming services were awarded to YAU by Genesee County.

Two fundraisers were held at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in the Genesee Valley Mall and one was held at the Flint Crêpe Company.

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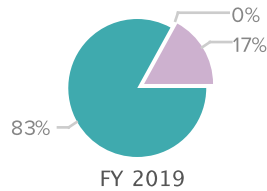
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Financial Summary

Unrestricted Activity	FY 2019
Unrestricted operating revenue	
Earned program	\$18,417
Earned non-program	
Total earned revenue	\$18,417
Investment revenue	\$11
Contributed revenue	\$87,902
Total unrestricted operating revenue	\$106,330
Operating expenses	
Program	\$95,899
Fundraising	\$448
General & administrative	\$10,419
Total operating expenses	\$106,766
Net unrestricted activity - Operating	-\$436
Net unrestricted activity - Non-operating	
Total net unrestricted activity	-\$436
Net restricted activity	
Net total activity	-\$436

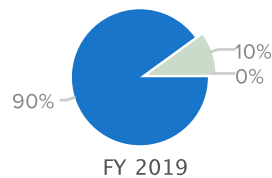
Revenue by Source

- Earned
- Investment
- Contributed



Expenses by Functional Grouping

- Program
- General & Administrative
- Fundraising



Attendance

In-person Participation	FY 2019
In-person participation - paid	
In-person participation - free	2,177
Total in-person participation	2,177
Types of In-person Attendance	FY 2019
Admissions	1,850
Registrants for classes/workshops	327
Total in-person participation	2,177
Attendance Ages	FY 2019
Children (18 and under)	607
Seniors	370
Adults	1,200
Other Participation	FY 2019

Program Activity

	FY 2019
Temporary exhibits	8
Distinct classes/workshops	7
Total classes/class sessions	190

Staffing

Staff & Non-Staff Statistics	FY 2019
Independent Contractors	17
Interns and Apprentices	3